FISCAL NOTE

HB 2392 - SB 2618

February 7, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Transportation to receive approval from the State Building Commission prior to doing any of the following items: demolition of any building or structure acquired by the department of transportation for highway rights-ofway; any operations relating to Highways outlined in TCA Title 54, Chapter 5; the acquisition of any interest in real property by the department of transportation for highway rights-of-way. Also requires the department of transportation to submit for approval to the state funding board the designation of the system of state highways, the designation of the road or roads to be constructed, repaired, or maintained by the used of the funds from the state highway fund. States no road shall be constructed, repaired or maintained by the department of transportation without approval of the state funding board. Requires the commissioner of transportation to receive approval of the state funding board prior to designating main traveled roads, with a view to connecting all county seats, and other main roads which are deemed of sufficient importance to be included in the general highway plan of the state and receive financial aid from the state highway fund for their construction and improvement. Requires the department of transportation to receive approval of the state funding board prior to exercising the power of eminent domain outlined in TCA 54-5-104. Requires the department of transportation to receive approval from the state funding board prior to beginning preliminary engineering, design, or construction or a road or bridge project. Requires the commissioner of transportation to receive approval from the state funding board prior to altering the location and grades of road rights of way acquired by counties or the commissioner as outlined in TCA 54-5-110. Requires approval of the state funding board prior to improving or constructing industrial highways outlined in TCA 54-4-403.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Estimate assumes:

- Approval of highway projects for either construction or major maintenance will not significantly delay such projects.
- Project approval will include authority for procuring rights-of-way.
- Blanket approval by the State Building Commission and the State Funding Board could be given to the department to allow correction of immediate emergency conditions.
- The State Building Commission and the State Funding Board can react quickly enough to avoid delay of maintenance projects, which are needed as the result of unexpected occurrences.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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